



Memorandum

Date: May 6, 1999
To: Ecosystem Roundtable
From: Wendy Halverson Martin
Restoration Coordinator
Subject: Butte Creek Project

Wendy Halverson Martin

The project entitled *Opening Up Butte Creek Canyon to Salmon and Steelhead Fish Passage* was presented to a technical review team, Integration Panel (IP), Ecosystem Roundtable and the Policy Group in September 1998. When Policy Group approved the May 1998 Proposal Solicitation projects, they did not approve this project. In the information packet for the Policy Group on September 14, 1998, it was listed with the other projects recommended to be approved, with a description in the staff report that it was "under review". Although the project was not approved, funding for the project was set aside subject to satisfying specific conditions, including obtaining local support and meeting with the California Department of Fish and Game, Butte Creek Conservancy, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A public meeting was held on November 3, 1999, to discuss this proposal. As a result of public input and concerns expressed regarding the proposal, a second meeting has been planned to discuss potential modifications to the proposal. To date, the proposal modifications have not been finalized. The Butte Creek Conservancy maintains that they do not support this project as it has been presented.

In order to ensure a fair and just review of the project as it now stands, we requested that the IP review the proposal in its current status at its meeting on April 27, 1999. The IP did not recommend funding the project and a copy of their justification will be distributed at the meeting.

Attached is the original proposal. If you recommend approval of the proposal, then it would again be presented to the Policy Group for their consideration.

Attachment

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The Resources Agency
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California Environmental Protection Agency
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Natural Resources Conservation Service
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